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misleading statements on this report in Captain Ruppelt's book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", and explaining why a portion of the report was classified. A copy of this letter is appended for your information.

In summary, Mr. Davidson's belief that this Agency is involved in the "Flying Saucer furore" and is using this as a tool in psychological warfare is entirely unfounded. His indication that CIA is misguiding persons in leading them to believe in Flying Saucers is also entirely unfounded. This Agency in conjunction with the Air Force investigated, in 1953, the threat to national security of the then prevalent Flying Saucer rumors. Since that time, CIA has not participated in any Flying Saucer activities and has referred all correspondence to the U. S. Air Force.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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Enclosures:
1. Letter, 26 June 1961, from L. Davidson
2. Letter, 20 May 1958, from Major Tacker

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DATE OF LETTER	FROM	TO	SUBSTANCE
11 March 1958	Davidson	DCI	Request for the Secret Panel Report.
14 April 1958	Exec/CIA	Davidson	Davidson's letter referred to Air Force.
27 April 1958	Davidson	DCI	Desires Secret report for public dissemination. (Air Force has action.)
15 May 1958	Davidson	Exec/CIA	Letter forwarded by Chapin to Air Force for reply with acknowledgment letter from Chapin to Davidson.
20 May 1958	Department of Air Force	Davidson	Answer to Davidson's letters of 27 April to Air Force and CIA. Attempts to clarify the purpose of withholding certain information for security reasons.
3 July 1958	Davidson	DCI	Inquires whether CIA is carrying out Sociological Warfare in creating UFO stories.
26 June 1961	Davidson	Congressman Karth	Accuses CIA of creating UFO furor and misleading persons such as Major Keyhue.

NOTE: In addition, we have on file letters from Mr. Davidson to Members of the 1953 Panel requesting in essence their supporting him in obtaining information which would implicate CIA or the OCB in a "1984 type of thought control developing in America."